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10 April 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

25X1A ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Authority Medal of Freedom

REFERENCE: Your memorandum of 13 February 1956. (same subject)

1. The Honor Awards Board has again considered the matter of recommending that the Director seek an Executive Order granting him authority to award the Medal of Freedom. The Board has come to the conclusion that action on this subject should be withheld pending the acquisition of further experience in the administration of the Agency's internal awards system, particularly in view of the changes to the program recently approved by the Career Council and the Director.

2. For this reason, the Board will appreciate your taking action with the Department of Justice to defer final action on this matter.

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cc: [REDACTED]

Recorder HAB  
Chairman HAB

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Chairman, CIA Honor Awards Board

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